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60. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 59, wherein the voltage supplied comprises a third voltage configured to perform a read operation on one or more locations of the plurality of discrete conductive elements, wherein the third voltage is a lower voltage than the first voltage or the second voltage and is sufficiently weak to cause little modification of the electrolyte, said device further comprising:

a resistance measuring device configured to detect the resistance between the at least one probe and the electrode at one or more locations of the plurality of discrete conductive elements.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction/election to one of the following species:

- I. Species 1: Claims 1-10 and 12-17 drawn to a data storage device wherein at least one probe is configured to contact the conductive layer of a storage;
- II. Species 2: Claims 50-55, drawn to an apparatus wherein the conductive layer is unconnected to a voltage source other than the at least one probe;
- III. Species 3: Claims 56-60, drawn to a data storage device comprising a storage medium with a plurality of discrete conductive elements, which are disconnected from each other and from a voltage source.

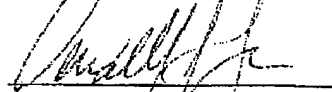
Applicants herein select species I, claims **1-10 and 12-17** drawn to a data storage device wherein at least one probe is configured to contact the conductive layer of a storage. Applicants herein responsively restrict

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examination to the invention of claims **1-10** and **12-17** for prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Applicants respectfully suggest that each of the claims presently in the application are distinct over the prior art and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the restriction/election requirement be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted



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